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 SUNDAY MASS:8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
 DAILY MASS:
 Tuesday7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday6:30 p.m.
 Thursday7:00 a.m.
 FridayNoon

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:
 First Friday of each month:7:00 p.m.
 First Saturday of each month:8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS
 Sundays7:00 -- 7:45 a.m.
 Wednesdays5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.
 Fridays11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR – First Sunday of Lent

And so it begins. The Church in Her wisdom provides us the opportunity to contemplate the love of Christ and the mystery of His Cross during the Lenten season. Through intense prayer, fasting and almsgiving each of us can more completely configure ourselves to the mystery of the Lord’s cross. The work of salvation belongs completely to Christ who invites us to cooperate in His work through our human efforts. As such we should be serious about our Lenten disciplines, not easily excusing ourselves from them and take advantage of the sacrament of penance as often as needed. There are a great many temptations that plague us and make it even more difficult for us to subject ourselves to the will of God. Overcoming temptation and sin requires radical and complete trust in the grace of Christ. As we journey with Our Lord to the Cross, let us use wisely these days set before us that we might overcome our own weaknesses and find our strength in God alone!

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SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, in addition to the times already published, confessions will be heard before the 7 am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 am. **These confession times will begin on Thursday, 12 March 2020.**

We will also have the morning of Confessions on Saturday, 14 March 2020 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

Stations of Cross will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7 pm. On the two First Fridays of Lent (6 March and 3 April) Stations will begin after the conclusion of Holy Mass.

Finally, the schedule for Holy Week has been determined and again will have the opportunity to celebrate each day of the Sacred Triduum. This information is shared early so that you might plan your schedules accordingly: **HOLY THURSDAY @ 5:00 PM; GOOD FRIDAY @ 3PM; HOLY SATURDAY @ 4:30 PM.**

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“SHOW ME LIFE” PROLIFE ACTION DAY

Missouri State Capitol March 10, 2020
Support legislation to save the lives of unborn children. Join pro-lifers from across Missouri in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 10th at the State Capitol. Registration begins at 10:00 am in the 1st floor rotunda and the rally starts at noon. You can register for one of our buses at <http://www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday> or call or email your name, address, city, zip, phone, email address and pick-up location to 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. Registration deadline for bus transportation is March 2. Donations towards the cost of buses can be made online or will be collected that day. Wear RED for Life!

Bus #1 Pick up Locations	Departure	Return
Grasso Plaza – Affton	7:30 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
St. Paul Church – Fenton	7:50 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Union, MO Commuter Lot/1stBaptist Church	8:35 a.m.	5:15 p.m.

Bus #2 Pick up Locations	Departure	Return
Kohl’s - Creve Coeur, MO	7:30 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Hobby Lobby – Cave Springs	8:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Wentzville – Walmart	8:30 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Warrenton – Walmart	8:50 a.m.	4:15 p.m.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Calling all Pro-Life Advocates! **40 Days for Life** will be holding our Spring Campaign starting Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020 and ending on Palm Sunday April 5, 2020. Join us for 40 days of Peaceful Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting, and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We staff at least 2 people every hour for 12 hours a day for 40 days. Our hours will be 7am- 7pm.

Pray with us in peaceful public witness. Let mothers know you care about them. Your church or organization can “Adopt A Day” and staff multiple hours or you can come on your own. Will you consider organizing “Adopt A Day” in your parish or assisting your Pro-Life Coordinator? Think about bringing your lay organization for an hour of prayer. You may sign up online and enter a password at: coalitionforlifestl.com to view and use the vigil calendar or contact: theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-520-1255 or christy@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-401-8607.

The Pro-Life Coordinator for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is Aurora Miller who can be reached at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.

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PROLIFE OPPORTUNITY/COALITION FOR LIFE

The Oratory has been approved by Coalition for Life in their "Adopt a Day" Campaign to pray, fast and keep vigil on March 14th at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood. We will cover 12 hours that day with at least two people each hour. Join us in making this event and sacrifice memorable for the Oratory and your families during Lent. We are in immediate need of 2 -3 people to form a core group (along with Aurora Miller) to plan the information and sign up days of February 15/16 and February 22/23. If you are able to be part of the core group, please contact Aurora Miller at aurora.1851@yahoo.com

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CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, March 21 @ 9:30 a.m.

We will be cleaning the church and we need LOTS of help! In addition to light work such as dusting, the pews and kneelers need to be washed, which is a big job, but “many hands make light work”!

We hope you will take time out of your Saturday morning to help make the church sparkle for Holy Week.

Please bring BUCKETS and RAGS!! THANK YOU!!

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LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

In order to assist the faithful during the Lenten season, there will be a Day of Recollection for both the women and men of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:00 am concludes by 2:30 pm. The retreat is open to non-parishioners and everyone is encouraged to attend. The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. **Further information can be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of Church.**

- The Men’s Day of Recollection – 28 March 2020
- The Women’s Day of Recollection – 4 April 2020

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WOMEN’S CONFERENCE (MARCH)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 7 March 2020**. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

JOSEPH CHALLENGE PILGRIMAGE

Men ages 18 and up are invited to participate in the Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Joseph in Downtown St. Louis the weekend of May 2-3, 2020. The pilgrimage is intended to challenge men to grow deeper in their faith. For more information and to register, visit josephchallenge.com or contact Chris Horan at cmhoran@protonmail.com.

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HELP NEEDED!!!!!!!

We are in need of volunteers to serve lunch and clean up after lunch for the upcoming Days of Recollection. For March 28th - we are in need of men to serve the Men’s Day. For April 4th - we are in need of women to serve the Women’s Day. If you would like to volunteer to assist and are able to do so, please contact Heather Stein heatherrstein@gmail.com. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

2/23 - 3/1 Schuette	3/1 - 3/8 Filla
3/8 - 3/15 Petrick	3/15 - 3/22 Stein
3/22 - 3/29 Alexander	3/29 - 4/5 Taormina
4/5 - 4/12 Podesta	4/12 - 4/19 Grizzle
4/19 - 4/26 Turntine	4/26 - 5/3 Kelly
5/3 - 5/10 Wisniewski	5/10 - 5/17 Jones
5/17 - 5/24 Armstrong	5/24 - 5/31 Carapella
5/31 - 6/7 Cook	6/7 - 6/14 Hayward
6/14 - 6/21 Fowler	6/21 - 6/28 Houlard
6/28 - 7/5 Catalano	7/5 - 7/12 Kenney
7/12 - 7/19 Raymond	7/19 - 7/26 Flannigan
7/26 - 8/2 Gelhot	8/2 - 8/9 Horan
8/9 Schuette	

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FOSTERING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

I have been approached about the possibility of having Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory. I am very excited about the possibilities that exist before us. As the community has continued to grow, we are now able (I believe) to move forward with increasing our devotional life. There are at least two possibilities before us. Option #1: A Holy Hour after the 11:30 am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Option #2: Extended Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of Holy Mass on First Friday until to the evening Mass on First Friday. Option #2 provides a longer period of time for Adoration which I think would be spiritually profitable for the whole community.

In order for Option #2 to be viable there needs to be enough interest from the faithful to make sure that at least two people are present with Our Eucharistic Lord every half hour during the period of adoration.

In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available to the community to see in which direction we will be able to move. As you wait for the survey please prayerfully consider what time you might be able to make available to be with Our Eucharistic Lord.

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SUNDAYS IN MARCH/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 26 February – Ash Wednesday (p. 96)
- 1 March – 1st Sunday of Lent (p. 105)
- 8 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (p. 111)

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Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!

- 15 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent (p. 115)
- 19 March – St. Joseph (p. 449)
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent (p. 120)
- 25 March – Annunciation (p. 453)
- 29 March – Passion Sunday (p. 125)

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UP COMING EVENTS

- 6 March: First Friday Confessions and Mass
- 6 March: Stations of the Cross (after First Friday Mass)
- 7 March: First Saturday Confessions and Mass
- 8 March: Coffee Hour after the 8 am Holy Mass
- 13 March: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 20 March: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 21 March: Church cleaning @ 9:30 am
- 22 March: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- 27 March: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 28 March: Men’s Day of Recollection

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 3 March – *Feria of Lent*
7:00 am: Janet Medvid

Wednesday, 4 March – *Ember Wednesday*
7:00 pm: Margaret Mary Stein

Thursday, 5 March – *Feria of Lent*
7:00 am: Dr. John P. (Jack) Doyle

Friday, 6 March – *Ember Friday*
12 Noon: Rosario Gasquet
7:00 pm: Jeffrey W. Martin

Saturday, 7 March – *Ember Saturday*
8:00 am: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

Sunday, 8 March – *2nd Sunday of Lent*
8:00 am: Joseph Martin & Seminarians
11:30 am: Marilyn Gardner

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SERVERS SCHEDULE

March 1st – **First Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Austin Jackson, Cameron Ackerman, Philip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Luke Lavery

March 8th – **Second Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Lance Lavery, Sebastian Filla, Michael Turntine, Tommy Lattenzi

March 15th – **Third Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Austin Jackson, Philip Petrick, Ben Armstrong, Peter Armstrong

March 22nd – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Tommy Lattenzi, Simon Wisniewski, Sebastian Petrick